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Re: U.S. Patent Application
 Appl. No. 10/671,946; Filed: September 29, 2003
 For: **Method of Sterilizing Balloon with Ionizing Radiation**
 Inventors: *Varma et al.*
 Our Ref: P1436US/CCM/M9744 (1737.2520001/LEA/LMB)

Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. An original Power of Attorney from Assignee;
2. A Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached;
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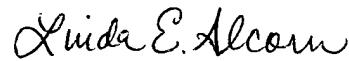
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Respectfully submitted,

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POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

Medtronic Vascular, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 3576 Unocal Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on November 5, 2003 of an invention known as Method Of Sterilizing Balloon With Ionizing Radiation (Attorney Docket No. P1436 (1737.2520001)), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors Ashish Varma and Frank Clarke (said application filed on September 29, 2003 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 10/671,946).

The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28390** to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Applicants/Patent Owner: Ashish Varma and Frank Clarke

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Entitled: Method Of Sterilizing Balloon With Ionizing Radiation

Medtronic Vascular, Inc., a corporation
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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventors: Ashish Varma and Frank Clarke, the undersigned inventors hereby sell and assign to Medtronic Vascular, Inc. (the Assignee) his entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

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 and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention known as Method Of Sterilizing Balloon With Ionizing Radiation (Atty. Docket No. P1436 (1737.2520001)) for which application for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned on September 29, 2003 (also known as United States Application No. 10/671,946, filed September 29, 2003), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

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The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventors agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination applications thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventors hereby represent that he has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

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